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On December 21, 2001, Linda Aston, a customer of the Concord Post Office, 2121 Meridian Park Blvd., Concord CA 94520-9998, attempted to mail an important document via Express Mail to your agency. The window clerk, Leslie Huffmaster, informed the customer that the Postal Service was not accepting mail for zipcode 20231. The clerk suggested Priority Mail with a certificate of mailing, to document the mail sent to your agency. The clerk cited the anthrax quarantine as the reason Express Mail not accepted.

Please extend any courtesy you can to the customer, Linda Aston. She did request the documents to be sent Express Mail but the Postal Service in Concord CA did not accept her mailing. We apologize for any inconvenience this denial of Express Mail service caused between your Agency and Ms. Aston.

I can be reached at (925) 687-0533 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard D Church".

RICHARD D CHURCH
SUPERVISOR CUSTOMER SERVICE
CONCORD CA 94520-9998

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Date: September 6, 2002

To: Paul Shanowski

From: Linda Aston
(925) 288-6107

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I hereby certify that all the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being transferred by facsimile on this date September 6, 2002 addressed to: Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, at the following telefacsimile number: (703) 308-6916

Dated: September 6, 2002

Linda Aston
Linda Aston

TRANSMITTAL

Dear Mr. Shanowski:

Attached is a letter from the U.S. Postal Service as you requested in a voicemail message left on September 5, 2002. This letter is submitted to serve as corroboration to support the statement of facts of Linda Aston (previously submitted by applicants on 2/4/02 and 5/22/02) regarding the filing date for US Serial No. 10/043,855. Hopefully this will fulfill your corroboration requirement so that applicants may be awarded a corrected filing date of December 21, 2001.

Respectfully submitted
CERUS CORPORATION

Date: September 6, 2002

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